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ROSETTA

AND HER GAY

PLOUGHBOY.

You constant lovers give attention.

While to you a tale I'll tell,
Concerning of two lovers true,
Who in one house for years did dwell,
Rosetta was a farmer's daughter,
And always was her parents' joy,
Till Cupid in a snare had caught her,
With her father's gay ploughboy.

At break of day each summer's morning,
William for his horses went,
And as he viewed bright Phœbus dawning,
He would listen with content,
To the voice of sweet Rosetta,
Who charms sweet William's ears with joy,
With voice so shrill she lov'd young Will,
Who was her father's gay ploughboy.

She would sit and sing of her sweet Williana,
As she milked her spotted cow,
And he would sigh for his Rosetta,
All the day while at his plough,
And as the evening did approach,
Rosetta tript along with joy,
With voice so shrill to meet young Will,
Who was her father's gay ploughboy.

Her father came into the Dairy,
While she did sing her tales of love,
He fixed his eyes to her surprise.
And swore by all the powers above,
That he was told the strumpet bold,
Along with poverty did toy,
And that long time she had been courting,
Of young William the gay ploughboy,